

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 156 - HB 421

March 15, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$50 to \$100, the per diem payments made to members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) when they are engaged in the official duties of the Board. Authorizes the secretary of the Board to receive per diem payments instead of a monthly salary of \$100.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,400/Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Other Fiscal Impact - Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners is required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. As of June 30, 2014, the Board had a cumulative reserve balance of \$476,752. Any increase in Board expenditures incurred as a result of this bill can be handled within the Board's existing resources without an increase to fee revenue.

Assumptions:

- The Board consists of seven members - five certified chiropractors and two members of the public. The Board meets four times per year and board members currently receive, in addition to travel reimbursement, \$50 per day when engaged in the official duties of the board.
- Based on information provided by the Board, the average annual board expenditures incurred from per diem payments is \$1,400 (7 members x 4 meetings x \$50).
- Increasing the per diem from \$50 to \$100 will double the total per diem payments currently received by members, from \$1,400 to \$2,800, for a total increase in board expenditures of \$1,400 (\$2,800 - \$1,400).
- Statute currently includes an exemption that requires the secretary to receive a salary not to exceed \$100 per month as set annually by the Board.
- Based on information provided by the Board, it has provided this salary to its secretary and at other times has not; however, it is assumed that any change to compensation of the Board secretary will not significantly impact expenditures incurred by the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period.
- The Board of Chiropractic Examiners an annual surplus of \$91,791 in FY12-13, an annual surplus of \$43,191 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$476,752 on June 30, 2014.

- The Board has current revenue sufficient to cover the increase in expenditures that is assumed to be incurred as a result of this legislation.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This legislation will not directly affect any fee currently levied upon licensed chiropractors; therefore, this will not impact any business in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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